Reply to Office Action of December 06, 2006

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Docket No.: HO-P02652US1

Applicant thanks Examiner Kam for taking time from her duties to meet personally with Applicant's attorney on 11 January 2007.

(A) a brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted;

N/A

(B) identification of the claims discussed;

Claims 15 and 16 and those dependent therefrom.

(C) identification of specific prior art discussed;

Conneely et al. (US 2001/016289 A1, filed 25 FEB 1999)

(D) identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary form completed by the examiner:

Modify claims to exclude gastric or duodenal ulcers.

(E) the general thrust of the principal arguments of the applicant and the examiner should also be identified, even where the interview is initiated by the examiner. The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner;

Applicant distinguished the prior art of record by the exclusion of gastric or duodenal ulcers from the claim scope. Examiner Kam preliminarily agreed.

(F) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed;

Examiner Kam indicated a new prior art search would be needed in view of the proposed claim amendment. Examiner Kam indicated claim 15 and the other claims rejected solely over co-pending applications for double patenting were otherwise allowable.

(G) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview; and

No formal agreement was reached.

(H) in the case of an interview via electronic mail, a paper copy of the Internet e-mail contents MUST be made and placed in the patent application file as required by the Federal Records Act in the same manner as an Examiner Interview Summary Form, PTOL 413, is entered.

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